



Downwinda

17th & 18th Nov 2018

Mandurah



Introduction

This years event will be the final full dress rehearsal and lead up event for the Nationals in 2019. It takes in the panoramic views of the Mandurah coast line. Held in early November this event will be the perfect opener to Wa's down wind season. Special thanks to the Mandurah Ocean Club who along with the 2019 Nationals are this years co host with WAZA.

An 18km course starting at the Dawesville Foreshore heading out through the cut and then straight down the coast to finish at Town Beach makes up the long course event. The following day will see paddlers battle out for short course honours over a 12km course heading out from Town Beach and back.



Summary

Race Schedule – Saturday 17th November

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Distance</u>
10:00	Registrations Open	
12:00	Welcome and canoe scrutineering	
13:00	All Races Briefing	
14:00	Men's / Women OC1/V1/OC2	18km
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Race Schedule – Sunday 18th November

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Distance</u>
07:00	Registrations Open	
08:00	Welcome and canoe scrutineering	
08:30	Men's OC1/V1 & Women's OC2 Briefing	
09:00	Men's OC1/V1 & Women's OC2 Start	12km
10:45	Women's OC1/V1 & Men's OC2 Briefing	
11:00	Women's OC1/V1 & Men's OC2 Start	12km
12:45	Mixed OC2 Briefing	
13:00	Mixed OC2 Start	12 km

NB: Race times are a guide only and may be varied due to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. Please ensure you check with race officials on the day and attend all race briefings for updates.

Location

Race Briefing

Saturday at the Dawesville Foreshore Reserve with Sunday at Town Beach

Parking and Unloading

Boat ramp parking at the Dawesville Foreshore reserve for Saturday with ample parking available around Town Beach for Saturday race conclusion and Sunday

Toilets

Dawesville Foreshore and around Town Beach

Food and Cafe

Opposite Foreshore and around Town Beach



General Safety

Life Jackets

Must be carried or worn by all paddlers on OC1, V1 and OC2 craft.

Leg Leashes

Must be worn by all paddlers on OC1, V1 and by one paddler on OC2 craft.

Water Safety Requirements

A beach coordinator, first aiders and the first aid tent will be at Town Beach in front of Seashells Resort.

Tender craft with drivers and crews will also be tracking the races to assist paddlers that find themselves in any difficulties.

Weather Conditions

Clubs are advised to bring their own tents and gazebos for shade and shelter. Ensure paddlers have sun block and hats. Umbrellas are great for sun as well as rain.

Paddlers Ability

Paddlers are reminded that adequate training for this race is recommended and have an appropriate level of fitness.

Canoes and Equipment

All canoes to comply with AOCRA specifications. Canoes will be checked on the beach prior to the race briefing.

Please ensure your canoe has the following:-

- Appropriate rigging;
- Registered canoe number;
- With one (1) bailer for a V1;
- Safety Pack – flares;
- Positive buoyancy device; and
- Leg leash.

Canoe Availability

OC1/V1/OC2 canoes to be supplied by the individual.

Race Specifics

Rules

The regatta will be run under AOCRA marathon and short course racing rules.

Race times may change at the discretion of the race director and / or shipping movements, weather / water conditions dictate a necessary rescheduling.

The intention is to have the longer legs of the race with the downwind, which is normally south-west. However if the wind does change then it is up to the discretion of the Race Director to change the direction of the following races.

All Clubs and individuals must register online at www.aocra.com.au no later than seven (7) days prior to the event (10th November 2018). For assistance in registering please contact Nathan Piacentini at presidentwaza@gmail.com or on 0438 027 143.

To compete all paddlers must be current financial AOCRA and CLUB members. For SUP paddlers a day insurance will be paid when entering online at www.aocra.com.au as a Non Member.

Starts

Competitors must be present at the start line for their event as shown on the programme. Starting signals shall be given regardless of absentees.

The order of the start is:

1. Raising the white flag – indicates up to two minutes to the race start. The race shall start any time within that two minutes.
2. Raising of the red flag – canoe move to a starting position behind the start line.
3. Raising of the green flag indicates the start of the race.

Crossing the start line at any time after the red flag and just before the raising of the green flag will result in a black flag being raised. It is up to the offending craft to move back behind the start line. Not following starter orders will result in disqualification.

Course Markers

Buoys will be used to indicate the course turns and distances for the races.

An area shall be designated so that the contestants may proceed safely to the starting line without interfering with the racecourse. When a race is in progress paddlers who are not racing will not be permitted on or near the course unless so directed by the Race Director.

A lead boat will be utilised to highlight the course direction and provide assistance in the event of any incidents. The lead boat will be flying a large white flag.

Turns

The canoe with the inside line has right of way at a turn. If your canoe is on the outside and in front, you can not cut the line of the inside canoe. There will be disqualification or time penalties at the discretion of the Race Director and representative from WAZA.



Entry Fees

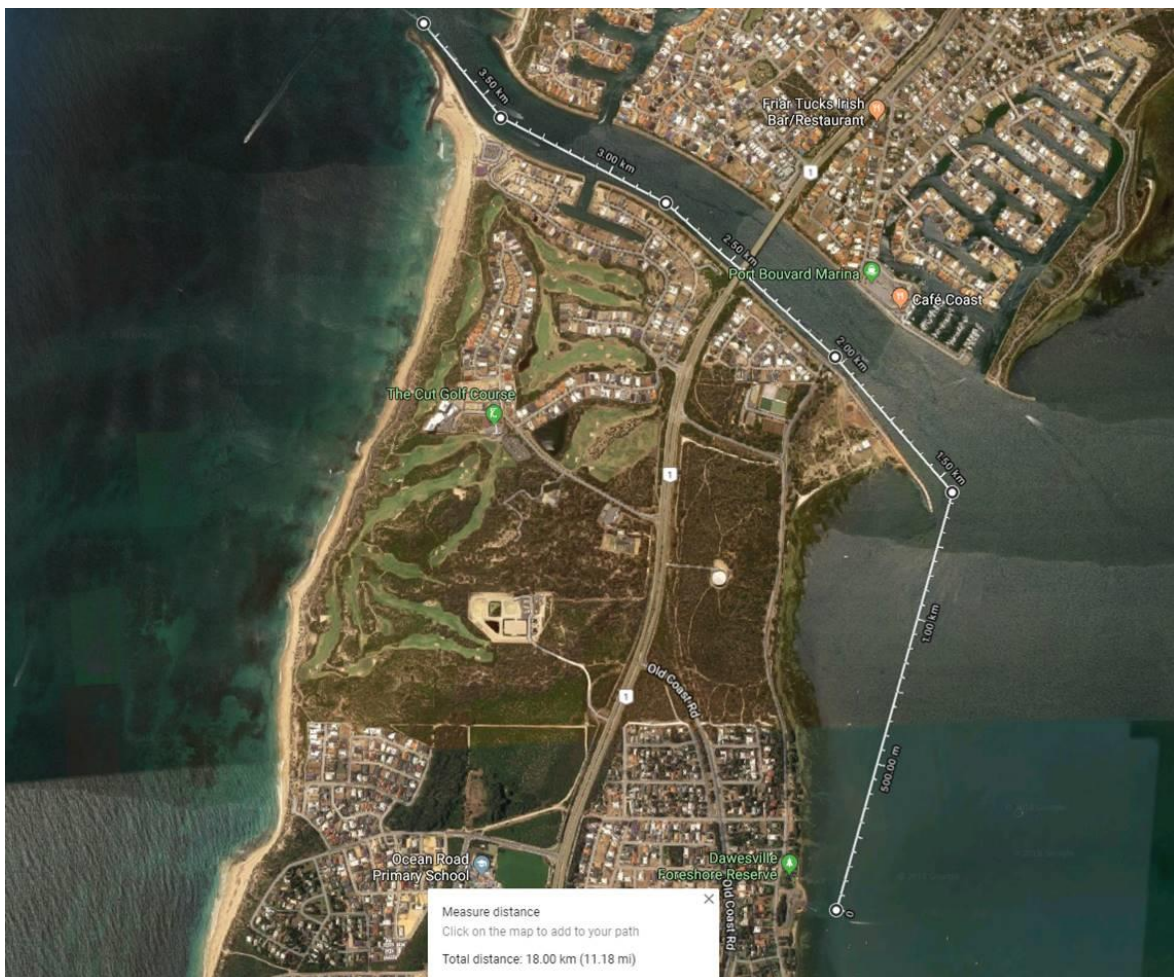
<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Per paddler (AOCRA Member) - Saturday	\$20.00
Per paddler (Non AOCRA Member – inc Day Insurance) - Saturday	\$20.00 (+\$8)
Per paddler (AOCRA Member) - Sunday	\$15.00

Entries and payment are to be completed online via the AOCRA website.

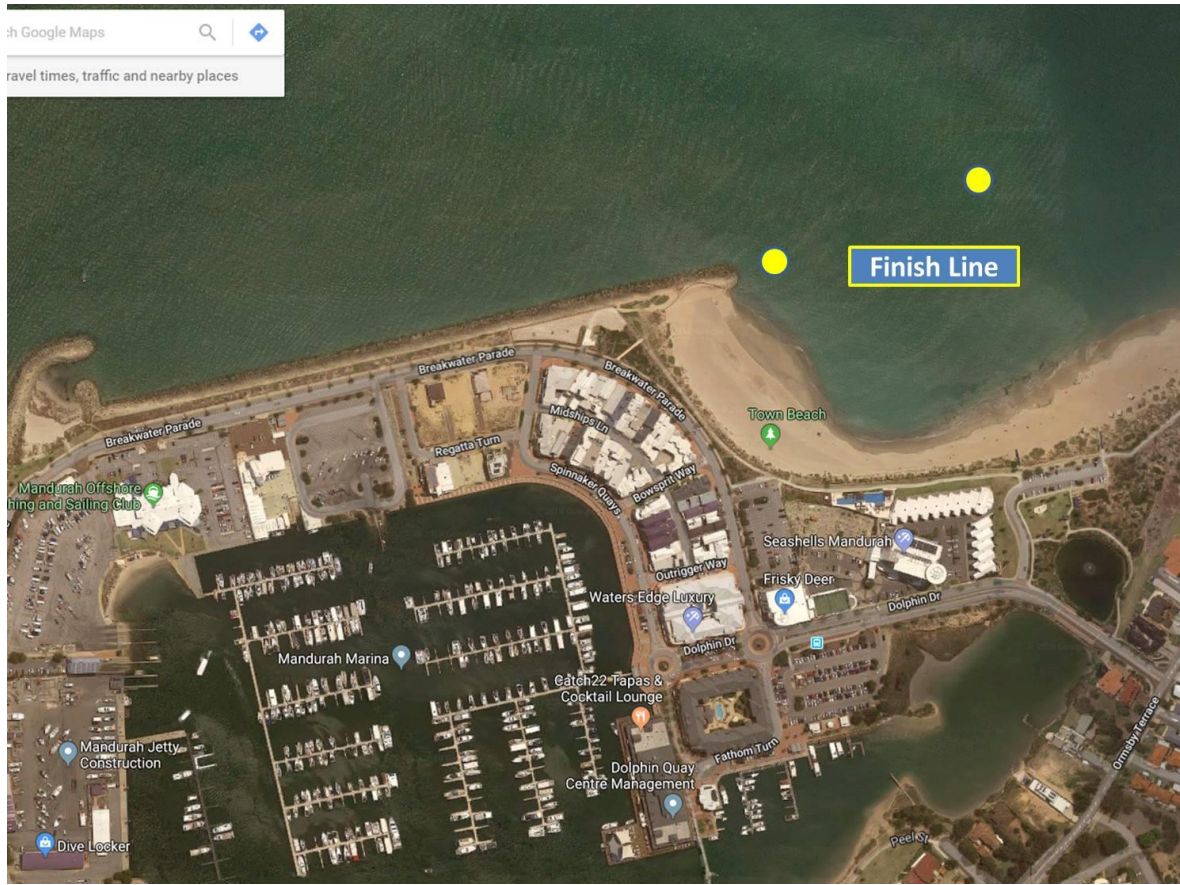
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Course Maps

Distance 18km







Distance 12km

